

Notice

As usual there will be no paper issued from this office Christmas week. Our next issue will be dated Jan. 5th. We send you herewith Christmas cheer and all good wishes for a sane and happy holiday season with your friends and relatives.

Mr. Flood Not A Candidate For Governor

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., Dec. 20, 1930. T. Freeman Epps, Esq., Blacksburg, Va.

My Dear Mr. Epps:—I have received your letter of a few days ago asking me to become a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor of Virginia. I have received similar letters from friends throughout the state and have been urged to accept by a great number of other friends to make this race. I appreciate most highly the confidence and friendship which these letters and personal visits indicate. I am greatly moved and should be regarded by so many people in Virginia as worthy of this high office. I would feel much honored to be governor of my native state, which I love and which I have tried to serve to the best of my humble ability for the past thirty years. But, regarding the views I do on questions of state policy, which are the outgrowth of this service, I believe I could as easily be of some service to the state and her people. This belief would make the service as governor particularly pleasing to me.

I must consider, however, that I have just been elected to the sixty-seventh congress from the Tenth Virginia district, and many of my friends and constituents have urged me to remain in congress. I owe these people much for their loyalty to me in the past, and particularly in the recent election. The republicans in the district endorsed a farmer, prominent in the Farmers' Union, who until recently claimed to be a democrat, against me, to whose support they expected to draw a large number of democratic farmers, but although the republicans were better organized and more money was spent in the district in behalf of this candidate than has been the case since I have been in congress, my majority was the largest I have ever received.

I feel deeply grateful to the democrats of the Tenth District and do not feel that I could sever my connection with them as their representative in congress against the wishes of so many of them.

I am also obliged to have in mind the need of the democratic party for representatives of experience in the next house. This matter has been pressed upon my attention by many of my colleagues with whom I have served in the past.

Sometime ago I received a letter from Hon. Claude A. Kitchen, formerly democratic leader of the house, a position he will again occupy when the new congress convenes, which by his permission I venture to quote in full, and which I think will persuade you that my obligations to my party and my country require me to remain in congress.

LETTER FROM KITCHEN
"House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.,
November 15, 1930."
"Hon. H. D. Flood,
Appomattox, Va."

"My Dear Hal:
"I am sorry I was not able to see you last week before you left Washington, to discuss with you the matter about which I am now writing you. I have had information from some of your friends in Virginia that they desire you to retire from congress and make the race for governor. While you know that, on account of the personal relation which has existed between us since we first entered congress together twenty years ago, I would be glad to see any ambition you may have gratified to the full, still I do hope that you can forego any ambition that you or your friends may have of being governor of your state, and remain in the house for the next four years. During your whole congressional career you were never needed as badly in the house as you are now. By the result of the last election we have lost many strong democrats in the house. We need you in the coming congress. You can serve your party and your country more in the next four years in the house than even during the war period, as conspicuous and helpful as was your service then."

"To be candid with you, it seems that I will be the unanimous choice of the democrats for minority leader in the next congress. If such men as you are thinking of going out of congress, I would hesitate a long time before accepting the minority leadership. In consenting to be a candidate for it, I was especially counting on the helpful co-operation of you and a few other of your mutual friends in organizing and keeping organized the democrats

in the house. On the good record to be made and wise policy to be pursued by the democratic party must depend its restoration to power. Upon the record the democrats made and policy pursued in the sixty-first and sixty-second congresses, the democrats swept the country in 1912. In my judgment, the next four years in the house will give you an opportunity to serve your country and your party such as you never had before."

"I have talked in the last two or three days with all the democratic members who are in Washington, and everyone joins me in urging and insisting upon your remaining in the house."

"I want to talk to you about this matter just as soon as you return to Washington."

"With my warm esteem and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

CLAUDE A. KITCHEN"

I find the sentiments expressed in Mr. Kitchen's letter very general among those with whom I have served in congress. This sentiment of my colleagues and respect for the wishes of my own district require me to remain in congress and impel me to forego for this time any opportunity which I may have to be governor of Virginia.

Gladly thanking you, and through you, my many other warm friends, to all of whom I cannot write, for their confidence in me and their kind interest in my personal affairs, and regretting that I cannot comply with their suggestions, I am, with much respect,

Very sincerely yours,

H. D. FLOOD.

Now that Mr. Flood has spoken the friends of Mr. Tucker feel that no man can win the Democratic nomination for Governor of Virginia over the Rockbridge statesman. The State is fortunate in having a man so well equipped for the duties of the Virginia White House as Mr. Tucker, and soon after the holidays his organization will press his claims for the honor in every county and city of the Commonwealth. His Appomattox friends want to see this county warmly supporting him.

Buckingham

A trip to the Eastern part of Virginia last week found conditions changed there. First man who had been getting out timber for a building was now engaged in getting out timber for a building. In talking to a prominent lumberman there I was surprised to learn that great quantities of timber for ship building are gotten out by hand. The trees, to begin with, are cut up by hand and the length of the tree, roots and all, are used and are hewn into shape entirely by hand. I saw the seven pine masts of the former occupied by employees of the government, and I was told that the houses were being used for storing products of the government and so had Richmond on the street cars. I went through parts of Richmond, Va. and New Kent counties after leaving Richmond and I found that Buckingham and Appomattox counties were favored with most things that I saw and surpass them in some things. I was surprised to find that there was a high school in New Kent county and that the roads there are not as good as ours. The car I was riding in stood the jars of the road very well until dark, when it gave out, and a kind-hearted man with a big new car came along and would not leave us until he had helped to remedy the trouble. I went from Richmond to Richmond with one of Buckingham's wealthy citizens and he told me he had worked harder the past year than he had ever before and had done things he had never had to do before. It is said that close competition is causing many merchants to put out all of their goods down regardless of whether they were purchased before or after the general slump. Mrs. Harry Griffin has gotten a splendid pair of five-year-old mares that were sold to him at \$60.

Mr. Porton Moss, who was principal of a school in North Carolina, has obtained consent of the school board to discontinue his work there and has accepted a position with the government at a fine salary. Mrs. Maggie P. Moss expects to spend the Christmas holidays with her children. On Monday of Christmas week there is to be a Christmas tree for the children of the Presbyterian Sunday school, and it is said that there will be a union Christmas tree. A lady just returned from Lynchburg where she made purchases for the Christmas tree said she did not find any reductions that had been made in prices.

Vera Happenings

Miss Helen Johnson royally entertained the "Verde" faculty on last Tuesday evening. The hospitable home was beautifully decorated with ferns and other pointed flowers.

Mrs. Pearl Sanford returned on Thursday, accompanied by her mother, Mr. Stephen Poole, of California.

The Washington Literary Society of Vera High School presented a most entertaining program on last Friday afternoon. Mrs. J. A.

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Twenty Years Ago, And Now

Campbell county had a union, organized to go.

And everywhere the people went they met the ribbon boy.

The men, they laughed up in their sleeves, and my, how they did fuss!

To rob the people of their boots, they said it was unjust.

Yes, they actually laughed up their sleeves, and I would like to know, for they told me they did.

They took to the churches, some put it out the door.

They called it "Woman's Politics," and scored it over every other.

Then to the churches it did go, against the rules, some said,

And many tried their very best to kill the union dead!

But some folks worked hard, with all their might, some, yes, they said, "It's nothing you!"

It caused debate, yes, everywhere, by men and youth and all.

I told you, folks, we had a time to start this temperance hall.

But when they turned it out the door it still did linger near,

And worked and waited patiently for members to appear.

So over Campbell it did roam, till men and women too

Began to feed it from their stores 'twas then the union

Was Very Weak

"After the birth of my baby I had a back-ache,"

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white, of Glade Spring, Va.

"I was very ill, though I was going

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to get a drink of water. I took a medicine, yet I didn't get any better. I was

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